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Man threatened with hammer and woman pushed onto bed

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POLICE are hunting three masked raiders who threatened a man in his 80s with a hammer before ransacking his home.

Around half an hour later, a woman in her 60s was pushed face down on her bed in another terrifying raid, again carried out by three men.

In the first raid three men smashed a window to break into the pensioner's home in Little Thetford between 7.30pm and 8pm last Friday.

One man was armed with a hammer which he used to threaten and demand money from the pensioner.

The three then searched the property before stealing an unknown sum of cash.

A police spokeswoman said: "One man was armed with a hammer and demanded money from the male victim in his 80s. The men conducted a search of the property before making off with some cash.

"The men are described as white, all wearing dark clothing, boots and a hat."

Around half an hour later three masked men forced their way into the Sutton home of a woman in her 60s.

Posing as 'gas board' officials, the conmen came to the door at 8.30pm and barged into the woman's bungalow.

They forced her face down on the bed while they ransacked her home and made off with her handbag and purse.

One man was reported to be wearing a high vis jacket and dark clothing. The other two were wearing dark clothing and hats.

Cambridgeshire police are keeping an open mind about whether the two raids are linked.

The police spokeswoman said: "Investigations and forensic enquiries are ongoing, however we are keeping an open mind as to whether the offences are linked."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

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SMASH: The scene on the A10 near Stretham Pictures: Keith Jones

A10 partly closed by potatoes spill

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A MAJOR road was partly closed for about eight hours on Tuesday after a lorry shed its load of potatoes on the carriageway.

Cambridgeshire police were called at 4.10am after a lorry jack-knifed on the A10 near Stretham and ended up partially in a field, blocking both lanes.

No-one was injured but the crash caused 1,080 potatoes in bags to be dropped on the carriageway.

The road was shut for about eight hours between Chittering and the Lazy Otter while the potatoes were moved by a forklift truck into a second lorry. Motorists were advised to avoid the area.

A police spokeswoman said: "We were called at about 4.05am this morning (Tuesday) with reports of an overturned lorry carrying potatoes on the A10 at Stretham, near Ely.

"The location is after the Witchford roundabout heading towards Cambridge.

"It looks like the lorry has jack-knifed and is partially in a field, blocking both lanes.

"The road has been closed from the Lazy Otter junction and is likely to remain closed until midday.

"About 1,000 bags of potatoes need to be moved before vehicle recovery takes place. The vehicle owner and other employees have turned up to assist with moving the potatoes."

Police said the stretch of road reopened at 12.30pm.

The incident caused traffic to stack up in East Cambridgeshire villages, with big jams in Haddenham, Wilburton and Stretham.

There were also long delays on the A142 southbound at Fordham due to traffic diverting from the A10.

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College pledges life skills

ELY College students took time out from their usual timetables last week to work on their pledges.

It was the first of four 'pledge and futures days' for students to develop their experiences outside the classroom and work towards their future.

Principal Richard Spencer said: "Pledges were introduced at the college in October.

"Similar to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, they help students develop character and responsibility that can be taken into their adult life."

For those in Years 7 and 8, the activities on Friday included an enterprise activity making healthy living pop-up books, as well as health surveys and fitness sessions.

Years 9 and 10 were treated to a production by The Upfront Theatre company, and in the afternoon were joined by Year 11 students for an exam stress busting workshop.

PLEDGE DAY: Students at Ely College focus on making healthy decisions in the future.

COMMUNITY

City's only post office reopens

ELY Post Office reopened last Friday afternoon after being closed for nearly a week.

Post Office PR manager Sheila Tapster announced the city's only post office had reopened.

"Ely Post Office was closed for operational reasons. We were able to overcome these reasons and re-opened the branch on Friday lunchtime," she said.

However questions still remain.

Residents were left shut out for four-and-a-half days unable to use Post Office services, including rent and council tax payments. Those with Post Office card accounts, who rely on the service to collect their state pensions and tax credit payments, were also left out in the cold with no clear explanation why.

A note in the window earlier in the week said it was due to a 'technical fault' and Ms Tapster said they were "working hard to restore the service to the current location as quickly as possible".

Some residents speculated it was because the branch is understaffed. The shop has been without a postmaster for eight months and a note in the window is still advertising three part-time vacancies.

POLITICS

Council chief is chosen candidate

TOM **PILGRIM**
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THE Conservative Party has selected its official candidate for the first elected mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Cllr James Palmer, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, and a Cambridgeshire county councillor, was chosen by party members at a hustings event on Saturday.

Mr Palmer saw off competition from Cllr Steve Count, leader of Cambridgeshire County Council and Cllr Roger Harrison, executive member for growth at Huntingdonshire District Council, to secure the coveted mayoral candidacy.

A new regional mayor will be elected in May next year to chair a new combined authority that will be granted powers and control over significant funds from central government. The devolution plans were approved by seven Cambridgeshire councils last year.

Mr Palmer has been leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council since 2013 and a councillor for 10 years.

He lives in Soham where he fundraises for local charities and is active in the community through his local church. His background is in farming and he used to run a dairy business.

Following his selection, he said: "I am delighted to be selected as the Conservative mayoral candidate for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and I am looking forward to the campaign ahead.

"If elected I will be a champion for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, working with relevant partners to help boost jobs, growth and productivity.

"I plan to visit voters, stakeholders, community groups and businesses in the coming months throughout the combined authority area to hear their views.

"I want to be a mayor for everyone in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough giving people a greater say about their communities and providing clear accountability."

Mr Palmer confirmed that his mayoral candidacy means he will not stand for re-election to Cambridgeshire County Council and will stand down as leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council if elected as mayor.

He told the *News*: "I'm going to put together a campaign team this week and make sure I get around the county and talk to as many people as possible.

"I can't wait to be able to get on with it. I hope that I will win the support of the people and be elected as the first mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough."

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BEST FRIENDS: Emily Keates with Fella Picture: David Johnson

Op hope for pet pig Fella

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A SUPERSTAR pig who achieved internet fame after he was rescued three years ago from a farm in Essex is to undergo lifesaving treatment.

Wildboar cross Fella was set to go under the knife at the University of Cambridge's Veterinary School yesterday to remove three tennis-ball-sized, potentially cancerous lumps in his abdomen.

Appealing for help last Thursday, his owner Emily Keates, of Soham, said: "I couldn't find vets that have direct experience with removing lumps in pigs as they normally aren't cared for as my Fella is.

"I can't put his life in the hands of people who don't know how to help him and I'm desperately sad that he is so unwell. He is in daily pain relief at the moment while we wait for the biopsy and try to find someone who can remove the lumps."

Channel 4's *Super Vet* answered the call to help, but Emily went on her vet's recommendation when the vet school said they could carry out the same treatment nearer to home.

"He's my best friend, I've not ever had a connection like that with any animal," said Emily. "As soon as I found out I've been struggling to sleep – I am really distressed by it all. I can't imagine my life without him."

Emily first noticed something was wrong when Fella started losing his hair in November, but it was only three weeks ago that she thought something seemed "really wrong" because he had lost two stone in weight.

"The vets came over and they had a look and said they could feel three tennis ball sized lumps. I'm still waiting for the biopsy results," revealed Emily. "Mostly when lumps are found in pigs they are put down. They don't usually live to any age for them to develop any lumps, but they can live to 25 plus – they are usually slaughtered at six to eight months."

Fella grew up in the Soham home of his rescuer and her three dogs for the first 18 months of his life.

He now lives in the garden of Emily's home, with her two other pet pigs, 30-stone pot-belly Miss Lady and another wild boar cross, 13-stone Bobby, who she rescued from a farm that was closing down in Soham.

They all live in the garden but eight-stone Fella is treated more like a dog by financial administrator Emily. She has been working from home since he became ill "so he can sit by the radiator while I sit on the sofa and work," she said.

Together with partner John, Emily, who is four months pregnant, is planning to move into a property with a bigger garden to accommodate her pigs. She says she also wants Fella to pull through so her child can get to know her best friend.

"We have had to move further out to get somewhere with more land which isn't great for John, but he knows that the pigs come first," she said.

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HERITAGE

History is brought to life at museum

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HISTORIC TALE: Author Marc Grimston reenacts out a scene from his story *Zio the Hero*

ELY Museum celebrated all things medieval with a day of historic characters, food and objects on Saturday.

As part of the museum's programme of living history days, the event gave people the chance to turn back time and experience what it was like to live in the Middle Ages.

Serenaded by the museum's bard, visitors donned costumes and sampled cuisine from the era, while budding historians young and old met actors in character from a 15th-century household.

Popular speakers included men at arms and archers who talked about the weapons and armour of the time and what it was like to be enrolled in the army that fought at Bosworth.

Others took the opportunity to join a camp of merry followers, to learn about the games, crafts and skills of medieval ancestors.

There were demonstrations from a cook, maille maker and leather crafter.

Some Ely residents also took up the challenge of the game of 9-mans-morris while others got up close and personal with genuine ancient artefacts from the medieval period usually housed in the museum's collection.

All activities were included in the normal admission price.

Ely Museum's opening hours in the winter are Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4pm.

Adults £4.50, concessions £4, children 5-16 £1, under 5s free.

Tickets provide a year of free return entry.

For more details, visit *elymuseum.org.uk*

LOOKING THE PART: Eleanor Ody, 17, and Bethany Stonehouse, 16, in the gaol. Inset, Alexander, 4, with medieval archers, Andrew and Caroline Moore Pictures: Warren Gunn

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We used to be young once

WE know only too well what Mr Woollard doesn't want, he has told us via this page ad nauseam.

Here's the thing Mr Woollard, something truly worth noting: Those of us who are old now were the young generation that were led in to the debacle that is the EU by the older generation of the day and I want to leave a better UK for my grandchildren than the one I have been forced to endure in recent times and also, along with many of my contemporaries I want a better quality of life for the limited time of my life that is remaining.

Just today, there was an item in the press reporting on the new directive made by the EU that states that even if people break the law and drive while uninsured they should still be able to claim compensation if their car is damaged! And, we are told that as a direct result of this madness, those of us who do comply with the law and make sure we are insured can expect a rise in the premiums we have to pay to accommodate the new ruling. How any sensible person can advocate staying a member of the EU on the back of this crazy law-making is beyond me.

Clearly Mr Woollard can't cope with living in a democracy in which his opinion is not the majority. Here's a suggestion, instead of constantly whinging, accept defeat and if you can't bring yourself to help create a better UK (just not bad-mouthing it would be a start) take yourself off to live in one of those countries that still labour under the EU. Oh! But of course that could be a problem because when they see how much better off we are going to be out they'll want out as well.

C A Nottage
via email

Jobless scene worse abroad

HAVING been indoctrinated by Project Fear, it was reported in the media that some young people were so depressed by the EU referendum result that they were thinking of emigrating.

Given the circumstances, their first choice of country would obviously have been an EU nation. They must have been shocked, then, to have learned that Spain, for example, has shameful figures of 43 per cent unemployment for people under the age of 25. Youth unemployment figures for Italy are at 36 per cent, Portugal 29 per cent, France 25 per cent and, of course, Greece 46 per cent whilst, although not perfect, the soon-to-be-independent UK figures stand at a comparatively respectable 13 per cent.

Perhaps the rebels next considered moving to Australia or the US where both countries have strict immigration laws, which is precisely the policy that the potential émigré's are objecting to.

There can be no doubt, however, that many British people of all age groups would be applying en masse to emigrate to non-EU countries right now if the referendum result had favoured remaining in the failing European Union.

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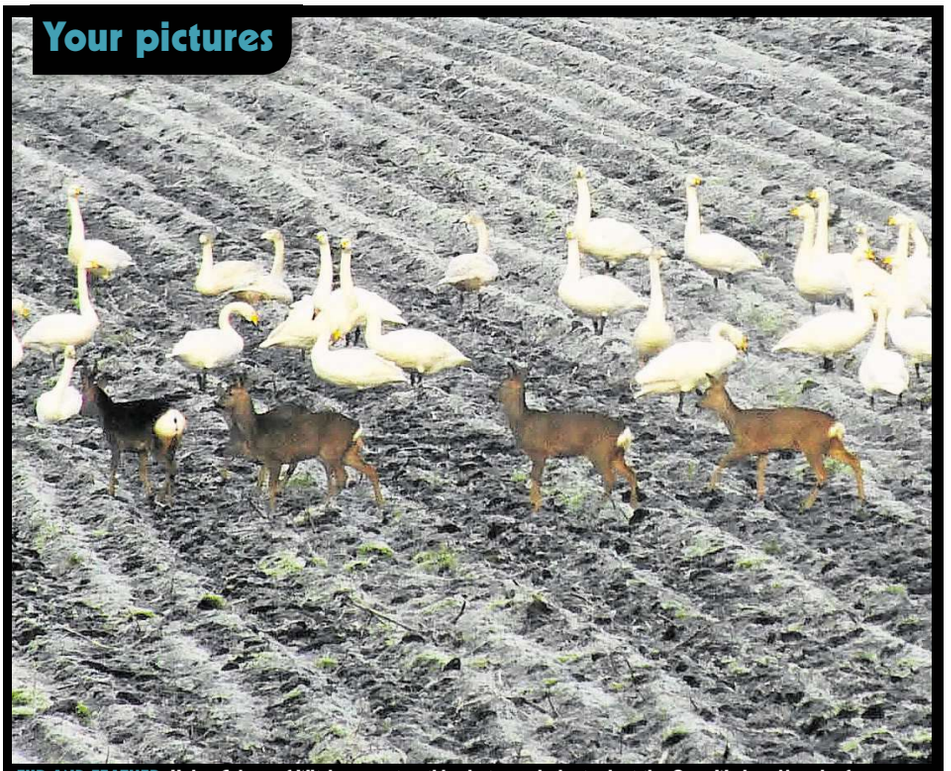

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Morley Drive
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So much for promises

AN OFFER for sale in last week's local news was food for thought. Some two-and-a-half acres of agricultural land in a village near Ely which had an agricultural value of £25,000, is now for sale at £700,000 – because planning permission for 14 houses has been granted. Which is rather nice if you happen to be the recipient of such "luck". But for the potential purchasers of an "affordable" home this adds some £48,000 to the cost of that home. So much for our politicians' promises of a fairer society.

Frank Lindsell
St Johns Road
Ely

World needs strong EU

THE Prime Minister has declared a clean break from the single market. This will certainly please the leave camp.

Great Britain in Europe was a strong team member.

I fear what might happen in Europe's elections in France and Germany this year. If the European Union breaks down, who will represent the world for peace and justice for all people? We will be left with Trump and Putin and already our leaders are entering into a love affair with Trump. Our foreign minister once spoke of Trump as not being a fit person to stand for election, but after he won, he said people have misjudged him.

Trump may be a very rich businessman but he has little or no understanding of what is going on in the world outside America. I liken our opting out of the EU to that of a star player in the world cup football final walking off the pitch and leaving his team to carry on without his talents, leaving the team depleted.

George Ginn
Kings Parade
Soham

Charity abseil to mark reunion

MYSELF and several former students of the City of Ely college year of '78 have decided to mark our reunion and 50th birthdays with a charity abseil from the roof of our former school building Needhams tower (due to be demolished in the near future I am told) .

The event is set for Saturday, March 25 this year and we hope to have other things going on during the day for family members as well as those not wanting to brave the roof.

The charities nominated are Little Miracles, based in High Barnes, Ely, a parent-led group assisting families with children suffering from a wide range of physical and mental disabilities, and Ely community first responders, a group of volunteers dedicated to saving lives by quickly attending incidents and accidents.

We are all very passionate about making this a success as many of us still live locally and/or have family firmly planted in Ely. Some of us also have very strong personal reasons too, I myself suffered a near fatal heart attack on Christmas Day 2015 and in the last year we lost fellow student Carl Everett to cancer. Geoffrey Everett, Carl's cousin (another fellow student and one of our committee for this reunion) will be honouring him during the day.

If you or anyone you know was at the Ely college from 1978 to 1985 (sixth form) then either call me on 07731570160 or go on the Facebook page Ely reunion 2017.we are 50.

Ian Cox
via email

Praise due to staff

MAYBE the mystery in your front page story is explained in the report. The Market Street office is finding it difficult to recruit staff. It is not surprising when you see the difficulties that the staff have to deal with. Pretty constant pressure in not wonderful working conditions. Praise is due to the staff who to cope in spite of it all.

The work that the Post Office staff have to do, compared to most banks for instance shows up why staff are difficult to recruit.

Is the Government to blame? I think so. Selling off and closing local Post Offices wholesale. This has created a loss from the services that we previously enjoyed.

Frank Bowles
Lynn Road
Ely

CUT ABOVE: Jay Mahmood demonstrates his renowned styling techniques on model Natalie, below. Above, salon stylists pose after the tailored tutorial

Cutting-edge demonstration for stylists

THE Moore Hair Company, on Fore Hill, Ely, welcomed an internationally-acclaimed hairdresser to the salon last week.

Global artistic director of haircutting for top salon group Goldwell, Jay Mahmood, conducted a one-off cutting session to inspire the all-female team of stylists with the latest techniques.

Manager Leah Moore, said: "We were all excited about Jay coming to our salon in Ely and to learn some extra cutting skills from one of the best in the industry."

Starting out as a Vidal Sassoon apprentice in London, Jay moved through the ranks to become an academy leader and is considered a big star in hairdressing.

Following a Facebook appeal, the salon welcomed Natalie McIntyre to receive a free haircut on the day.

COURT

Pervert jailed for 13 years

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A LITTLEPORT man who travelled to California to have sex with young boys was sentenced to 13 years in prison in the US last week.

Paul Charles Wilkins, 71, who has dual US-UK citizenship, was arrested last February after he tried to pay an undercover officer 250 dollars (£200) for sex with a nine-year-old boy at a rented apartment in the Coachella Valley.

Last Wednesday Wilkins formally entered a guilty plea at a Los Angeles court, and was given a 13-year prison sentence and a lifetime of supervised release.

He admitted travelling to America to have sex with two young brothers aged 10 and 12, and to transporting images of child abuse into the US last September, officials said.

Prosecutors said Wilkins ran an online group used by paedophiles and "persistently engaged in the sexual exploitation of children" before he went to the US in January, 2016.

He initially denied charges of travelling with the intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct, attempted sex trafficking of children, transportation of explicit images and possession of child abuse images.

US federal prosecutor Eileen Decker said: "Today's sentence ensures that children will be protected from his abhorrent conduct for many years."

Children's charity NSPCC welcomed the sentence. A spokesperson said: "Wilkins' sickening crimes have finally been brought to a halt. "It is right that the full force of the law is brought down on criminals like Wilkins."

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Deaths

COLEBY

Carol Ann

of Littleport

Passed away peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Thursday 12th January 2017 aged 70 years

Much loved wife of Harry. loving mum to Steven and partner Jenny, loving nanna to Chloe. Carol will be sadly missed by her brothers and sisters and all who knew her

Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel, on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 10.00am
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PARISH

Godfrey Russell

Of Stretham

Passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday 17th January 2017, aged 91 years.

Much loved stepfather to Susan and Gillian and grandad to Chloe, Alice and James.

Committal to be held at Cambridge Crematorium West Chapel on Wednesday 1st February at 12.00 midday, followed by a memorial service at St James Church Stretham at 1.30 pm.

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Rosa Annie

of The Row Sutton

Passed away peacefully at her home on Friday January 13th 2017 aged 84 years.

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Margaret Beryl

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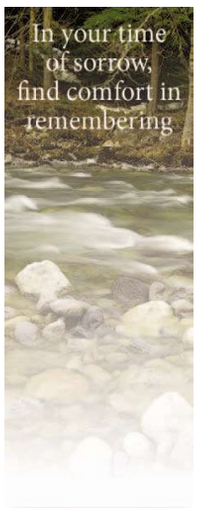

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Last Wednesday was an extraordinary day as far as good news for our region is concerned.

It all began with the announcement by Education Secretary, Justine Greening, of the expansion of the Opportunity Areas programme to include Fenland and East Cambridgeshire which means £6m more funding for this region.

I am truly delighted that, having lobbied on behalf of East Cambridgeshire, raising the issue in the House of Commons and facilitating a meeting between head teachers of local secondary schools and Justine Greening herself to press the matter further, that our voice has been heard. We are one of only 12 Opportunity Areas in the country.

East Cambridgeshire and Fenland rank very low on the Social Mobility Commission index and this extra funding, separate to any other income stream and in addition to the fairer funding formula sums which I have written about previously, is something my colleague, Steve Barclay MP, and I have been passionately campaigning for.

The Opportunity Areas programme helps ensure, amongst other things, that children get the best start in the early years, that they continue to access high quality education at every stage of their schooling, that access to university is increased and that schools work in conjunction with local employers to improve young people's access to advice and experiences. The programme also focuses on creating opportunities outside school to "raise sights and broaden horizons".

The Department of Education will work with each Opportunity Area to respond to local priorities and needs and I couldn't be happier that East Cambridgeshire is now on this pathway.

On the same day it was announced that, due to the "dedication and skill" of their staff, Addenbrooke's Hospital, is now out of special measures having had its rating changed by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) from "inadequate" to "good".

This fantastic turnaround merits much praise and I'm sure Addenbrooke's will continue on this positive journey of improvement going from strength to strength.

As if that wasn't enough good news for one day, Ely Museum then announced that they have received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund which will enable them to kick start their redevelopment project to completely transform the museum over the next four years.

The saying goes that a week is a long time in politics. Last week it would be fair to say that a day was indeed a long time in South East Cambridgeshire politics!

If you would like to contact me on any issue please do so at *lucy@lucyfrazer.org.uk* or follow me on facebook *www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy* or visit my website *www.lucyfrazer.org.uk*

In her new weekly column for *Ely News*, MP for South East Cambridgeshire Lucy Frazer explains why last Wednesday was a good news day for the area

FOCUSED: Neale-Wade Academy Year 10 students take part in a team exercise

Students get insight into world of work

NEALE-WADE Academy in March took part in an employability day last week.

The day was aimed at developing Year 10 students' skills and attitudes valued by future employers.

It was organised by the school and local businesses to give students an insight into the world of work and the various routes into employment.

Students took part in a series of morning workshops focusing on the types of skills businesses look for, as well as the importance of a CV and interview preparation.

In the afternoon, packaging company Smurfit Kappa staff worked with students on a mock assessment and each student had the opportunity to put what they learned into practise in a mock interview, carried out by other local employers including A14 Project and ROI Distribution.

It is hoped the experience will also prove useful as the Year 10s come to prepare for their Year 11 interviews.

CONSERVATION

SWANNING AROUND: Bewick swans, left, and a family of bird lovers on an observation deck, bottom left. Bottom right, wildfowl wait for their feed

Families flock to Festival of Swans

BIRDWATCHERS flocked to Welney Wildfowl and Wetland Trust's (WWT) Festival of Swans at the weekend.

Conservationists made their annual pilgrimage to the nature reserve for a weekend of activities, including family walks, talks, trails and swan feeds.

They saw bevies of bewick and whooper swans fly out at dawn, and back again under floodlights at dusk.

Nature lovers also took delight in spotting groups of bean geese, great white egrets, glaucous gulls, black tailed godwits, bearded tits and white fronted geese.

Experts giving talks on the day included 'human swan' Sacha Dench, 41, who had flown 4,500 miles in a motorised paraglider, following bewick swans on their epic winter migration from the arctic tundra to the UK.

Sacha spent 10 weeks accompanying the swans on their annual migration, flying with them at 2,800 ft in freezing temperatures.

It was all in aid of promoting the plight of the birds, who have seen their numbers in Europe decline from 29,000 in 1995 to 18,000 in 2010.

At the end of her journey last December she submitted a WWT petition to Downing Street calling on the Government to help preserve the country's wetlands.

Conservationists Tim Tijsen also gave a talk on monitoring swans wintering in the Netherlands, while Dr Kevin Wood drew on his research to spread awareness of the importance of the winter feeding grounds.

A spokesperson for the trust said: "Our wetlands are amazing in the winter, with thousands of swans joined by tens of thousands of ducks and wading birds, making a feast for the eyes and ears."

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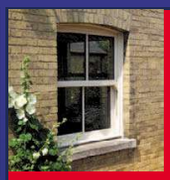

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The train will depart from Ely on March 7, at 7am, hauled by a vintage diesel engine and will also stop at Cambridge (7.30am), before making its way towards West London.

From there, steam locomotive Royal Scot will take over, heading out through the picturesque Kennet Valley and into Wiltshire.

Royal Scot will pull in to Bath at 2.10pm, giving passengers several hours to explore this lovely Georgian city, or if they wish they can stay on the train to Bristol.

In Bath, a visit to Jane Austen Centre's world famous Regency tea room and the Roman Baths are highly recommended, while those visiting Bristol will also be spoilt for choice when it comes to historical attractions.

Chairman of Steam Dreams, Marcus Robertson, said: "We are thrilled to have Royal Scot at the head of the train for this fabulous journey to the West Country. Apart from a brief appearance in 2009, Royal Scot returned to the mainline last year after a 50-year absence – restored to her former glory – so it will be a very special occasion for those on-board to be hauled by this magnificent engine."

During the return journey, passengers can enjoy a four or five course meal before arriving back in Ely at 11.30pm.

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic day out just answer this simple question: In what year was the Royal Scot built? Write your answer with your name and phone number on a postcard and send it to Cathedrals Express Competition, Ely News, Winship Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6BQ. The first correct answer drawn out of the hat will be the winner. The deadline for entries is noon on Thursday, February 2.

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■ Tea and tunes with The City of Ely Military Band on Sunday March 19, 2.30-5pm at Ely Community College. Tickets £5. Includes cup of tea and cake.
■ Then and Now photographic exhibition by Ely Perspective. January 28 and 29 at Ely Museum during normal museum opening times. Entry to the exhibition is free.
■ History Fayre at Oliver Cromwell House, Sunday, January 29, 11am till 4pm. Tickets £2
■ Riot in the Blood film screening and exhibition by the Field Theatre Group. Ely Museum, through January and February. Call: (01353) 666655.
■ CAMRA 8th Elysian Winter Beer Festival at The Maltings. January 27 at 10.30am till 10pm.
■ Fibromyalgia Coffee Group at Starbucks at The Cloisters. An informal coffee group for fibromyalgia sufferers and family members. January 27, 10.30am till 12pm. Visit Facebook group: Fibromyalgia Ely & surrounding villages.
■ Marc Chagall selling exhibition of lithographs & etchings at Babylon Arts. Runs until February 19. 12pm till 4pm.
■ LGBT+ Ely drinks and get together, Friday, January 27, at The Royal Standard, from 7pm.
■ Birds & Wildlife using Pen & Watercolour with Jan Biggs. Adult workshop at Tindall's the Stationers, January 28, 10am till 4pm. Price: £35 per person. Advanced booking only.
■ Coffee morning at Ely Methodist Church in aid of the Alzheimers Society, January 28, 10am - 12pm. Refreshments, bric-a-brac and cakes.
■ Bark Run Canicross Workshop dog training class. One day workshop to teach you and your dog how to run with you. January 28, 10am till 4pm. Dogs must be over 1-year-old. Call: (01353) 649571
■ Valentines Concert at Ely Cathedral, Saturday, February 11, at 7.30pm. Tickets £25. Call: (01353) 660349.
■ Junior Youth Programme for 12 to 14-year-olds at Larkfields Resource Centre. Every Saturday, 3pm to 4.30pm.

Prickwillow

■ 50's 60's Night with Rocking Revival. Saturday, January 28, at Hiam Sports & Social Club. Doors 7pm. Tickets £6 members £7.50 non-members.
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■ Skate lessons for all the family at Littleport Leisure Centre, Saturday, January 28, 10am – 12pm.

TAKING OFF: the community cast of *Peter Pan*, features 60 residents aged from four to 64.

Village theatre group is flying high

WITCHFORD Amateur Dramatics Society (WADS) is staging an adaption of *Peter Pan*, featuring a community cast of over 60.

Directed by Lucy Short, the production features a live band, a great mix of songs and some stunning colourful sets and costumes.

A WADS spokesman said: "Ours is a true community group and welcomes people of all ages and abilities to come and join in."

Peter Pan runs from today until Saturday, at 7.30pm, with an extra matinee performance on Saturday at 2pm. Adult tickets £9, children under 16 £6.

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ON THE LOOKOUT: Hunting hares with dogs was banned more than a decade ago

Helicopter aids search for hare coursers

A POLICE helicopter assisted a search by officers following reports of illegal hare coursing at Ely last Wednesday .

A police helicopter was called in at about 12.45pm to assist officers on the ground, chasing suspects on farmland around the West Fen Road area.

An eyewitness said police chased a vehicle for about an hour and a half, which had been "travelling at speed across farmland".

However, it is understood the vehicle got away and the helicopter was used to try to help find the vehicle and the persons involved.

Police are now in the process of speaking to two people who they had found on farmland without permission.

Anyone with any information should call Cambridgeshire police on 101.

POLICE

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MOTORISTS involved in crashes in Cambridgeshire can buy incident reports from police online for £90 as the force cracks down on drivers using a mobile phone behind the wheel.

The county force is offering the service to drivers who want details of police investigations which form 'collisions reports' for the use of solicitors and insurers.

And on Monday the force launched a week-long campaign targeting motorists who use a mobile phone whilst driving – with the message "Put it Away".

Officers will be carrying out extra enforcement operations to tackle the issue.

The Government has announced plans to double the penalties for being caught using a phone behind the wheel to six points and a £200 fine in 2017. For people who have been driving for less than two years this could mean a ban for one offence.

Driving while using a mobile phone is considered one of the 'fatal four' driving offences, along with speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and drink or drug driving.

Sergeant Ian Manley said: "Using a mobile phone whilst driving significantly increases your chances of being involved in a serious, even fatal collision.

"I hope this campaign helps to get an important safety message across to the public that using a mobile phone whilst driving is unacceptable. It puts not only your life at risk, but also the lives of others.

"We urge people to turn their phone off before they start their journey and put it away. Even a brief distraction could have serious consequences."

In Cambridgeshire reported 'fatal casualties' in 2015 went up by 6 per cent on the 2010-14 average.

The force says: "The recording policy states that a collision report need not be completed unless there has been an injury which was reported at the time, or one of the parties has failed to stop at the scene and exchange details. This applies even when a police officer attends."

A report request should be made 21 days after the incident.

To request a search of police records for any information costs £32.60. The cost of a copy of a police report is £91.80, and third party details £32.60.

A Cambridgeshire police spokeswoman said: "This service, provided primarily for solicitors and insurance companies, has been available for some time and is in line with services provided by other forces."

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The rich, heady perfume of certain winter-flowering shrubs can blow away the cobwebs and brush off the worst of the winter blues.

Just inhaling the delicious fragrance of shrubs like mahonia, Christmas box (Sarcococca confusa) and Viburnum x bodnantense as you view the garden should shake off any reluctance you might have harboured about venturing outdoors in the first place.

Add to that the bare-branched stems and light yellow, beautifully-perfumed flowers of wintersweet, the sulphur yellow flowers along the bare spreading branches of witch hazel and the strong-scented clusters of white flowers which appear on shrubby honeysuckle in winter, and your olfactory senses should be in their element.

Of course, you don't want one perfume to overshadow another, and indeed, scented shrubs require a variety of conditions and space, but here's a few of the best that will provide scent, colour and form:

■ **Shrubby honeysuckle (Lonicera x purpusii):** Not a bit like a regular honeysuckle, but a close cousin nevertheless, this neat rounded bush grows to 2m x 2m and is covered in winter with clusters of strongly scented, white flowers. Grow it in any good garden soil in sun or light shade. Trim the flowered stems back to a sideshoot each year once the flowers are over to keep a good shape.

GLORIOUS: Plants are energising!

■ **Mahonia x media 'Charity':** This upright plant, which grows 2m high and 1m wide, has tooth-edged, leathery evergreen leaves and spikes of brilliant yellow scented flowers that smell a bit like lily of the valley in winter. It should be planted in light shade with a little shelter, so is ideally placed with others in a large border. Cut off some of the branches bearing flowers for indoor decorations, and if the shrub becomes leggy, cut it back hard after flowering.

■ **Witch hazel (Hamamelis mollis 'Pallida'):** Significant spidery-shaped sulphur-yellow flowers appear along its spreading branches and can be in flower from autumn through to spring in a sheltered spot, or in a mild winter. The golden colour of the leaves in autumn is also worth noting. Another good one is H. x intermedia 'Arnold Promise', which produces wonderfully scented yellow flowers. Witch hazels are great for urban gardens as their leafless branches in winter cast no shade and they are also pretty compact.

■ **Wintersweet (sarcococca confusa):** These tough evergreen shrubs are invaluable in the garden in winter, their dense forms covered in glossy, dark green leaves, bearing clusters of white flowers followed by round, glossy berries. But their best asset is their scent, a sweet, powerful fragrance which carries a surprising distance, even on the coldest day. If you want scent indoors, just cut a few stems and they will fill a room with rich fragrance. Grow them with other winter-flowering plants such as Viburnum x bodnantense 'Dawn' and Helleborus niger, or as an informal hedge.

■ **Daphne bholua:** The pretty pinky-purple and white flowers on this medium-sized evergreen shrub pack a perfumed punch and brighten up any shady border in winter. It's compact by nature, but will reach a maximum height of 2.5m and spread 1.5m in 10 years if you plant it in fertile, humus-rich soil that won't dry out too much in summer.

Of course, there are also smaller plants that will give you fragrance in winter, such as the pint-sized Crocus sieberi 'Bowles's White', with its pure white flowers and gold throats, or the snowdrop, Galanthus magnet, and the Ipheion 'Alberto Castillo', a member of the onion family that grows to just 18cm, its white scented star-shaped flowers facing the sky. Grow them near the patio door to enjoy the best of the fragrance.

■ **Winter-flowering heather:** Heather provides the burst of colour you need at this time of year, whether in designated heather borders, alpine gardens or pots, in colours ranging from deep pink and purple to white. They make a fantastic carpet of colour in front of evergreen shrubs and E. carnea varieties will grow in slightly alkaline soil as well as acid. Some heathers will even give you fragrant flowers, such as Erica x veitchii 'Exeter', which bears masses of elegant bell-shaped scented flowers opening from rosy pink buds. These evergreen shrubs do best in well-drained, acid soil in full sun. If you are planting them in a pot, go for ericaceous compost or John Innes and don't let them dry out or become waterlogged.

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Lots of ways to attract birds into the garden

NO DOUBT bird feeders and baths will be filled by many of us in the run-up to the annual Big Garden Birdwatch, the world's largest garden wildlife survey, which this year takes place from January 28-30.

Yet there are other ways to attract birds to your garden in the long term if you plant species which will provide them with both food and shelter.

Blackbirds and thrushes love the fruits and berries of plants including rowan, berberis and pyracantha, while ivy berries, which ripen later, are invaluable to hungry birds in late winter and early spring when food can be scarce.

If you have room, consider planting an apple tree – birds love cooking, dessert apples and crab apples, whose windfalls can provide them with food in the leaner months. Early varieties of eating apples such as 'Beauty of Bath' and 'Discovery' don't keep well, so pick and eat what you need and leave the rest for your blackbirds, song and mistle thrushes, chaffinches, redwings and fieldfares.

Of course, you don't want the birds stripping your garden of all its colour, so consider planting some shrubs whose fruits they don't particularly like, including skimmia, aucuba and the guilder rose (Viburnum opulus).

Hedging can also provide a great nesting site for birds, shelter during frosty nights and food. Bare root hedging is widely available from nurseries and garden centres from November to mid-April.

Holly is slow-growing, but is among the most effective hedges for birds. It ensures windproof shelter on frosty nights, nesting opportunities in spring and berries that attract blackbirds, thrushes and other birds. In spring, insects will be attracted to its flowers.

Plant wildlife-friendly vegetation, such as prickly bushes and thick climbers in the garden to provide secure cover for birds. These should be close enough to where birds feed to provide cover, but not so close that cats can use it to stalk birds. This kind of planting may also provide food and nesting sites.

If you can bear to have an area of brambles in a quiet corner of the garden, birds should gravitate towards it. Blackbirds, thrushes, chaffinches, starlings, robins, pheasants, foxes, mice and other small mammals eat the fruits, while robins, wrens, thrushes, blackbirds, warblers and finches will nest in bramble and small mammals use it for protection from predators.

So, what are we likely to see during Big Garden Birdwatch?

Sightings of well-known species such as starlings and song thrushes experienced another drop during the event last year, although we spotted more than 8.5 million birds in total. The house sparrow remained top of the Big Garden Birdwatch rankings, with starling and blue tit rounding off the top three.

Daniel Hayhow, RSPB conservation scientist, says: "With over half a million people now regularly taking part, coupled with over 30 years worth of data, Big Garden Birdwatch allows us to monitor trends and helps us understand how birds are doing.

"With results from so many gardens, we are able to create a 'snapshot' of the birds visiting at this time of year across the UK. Even if you see nothing during your Big Garden Birdwatch hour, that's important information too, so please let us know."

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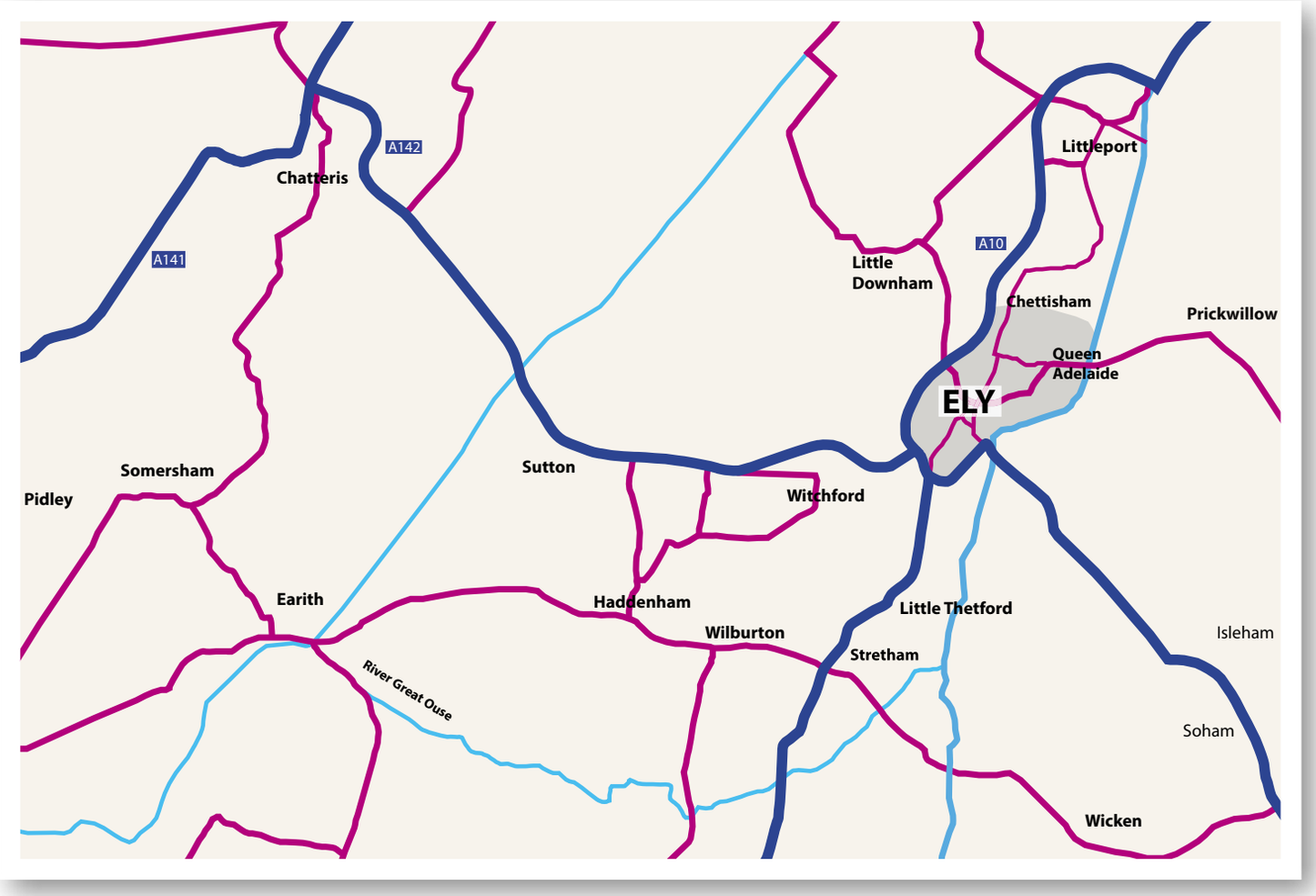

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Cover property

Briery Fields: £530,000

THIS four bedroom property in Briery Fields is now available at a guide price of £530,000.

Upon arrival at the property you'll be stepping in to an entrance hall with understairs cupboard, coat cupboard and stairs leading towards the first floor. The entrance hall also leads directly towards the cloakroom with WC and wash hand basin, as well as the study.

Elsewhere on the ground floor, there is a kitchen with integrated appliances including eye level double electric oven, electric hob with extractor over, integral dishwasher and fridge, plus a separate drinks fridge.

The ground floor is completed by a utility room with plumbing for washing machine, dining room, lounge with patio doors leading to the conservatory and a conservatory leading to the rear garden.

Upstairs, the property has four bedrooms; the master has an en suite with double shower cubicle and low level WC, while three of the bedrooms all feature built-in wardrobes.

The property's exterior features include a driveway with parking for several vehicles, leading towards a garage with power and light. There is a mature garden to the rear of the property, with decked areas, patio and wood store.

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Feature homes

Carter Street: £269,950

THIS three bedroom end of terrace family home in Carter Street is now available at a guide price of £269,950.
Interior features begin with the entrance hall, which has built-in storage space understairs, as well as a radiator and wood flooring. This room leads towards the living room, with recently-laid carpet and fireplace, which in turn leads through an archway to the dining room.
Ground floor accomodation is completed by a utility area, shower room with enclosed shower cubicle and WC, as well as the kitchen with stainless sink and laminate worktops.
Upstairs, the first floor landing has airing and storage cupboards. This floor is also home to the three bedrooms, which feature radiators and built-in wardrobes. Top floor accomodation is completed by a family bathroom with panelled bath, WC and pedestal sink.
The property's exterior features include a front garden laid to shingle and off-road parking, while the rear garden is enclosed by a 6ft fence and features a lawn, patio area, vegetable patch and additional storage space.
To request a viewing, call Let 365 Sales on (01353) 483019.

Cowslip Drive: £329,950

THIS four bedroom detached property in Cowslip Drive is now available at a guide price of £329,950.
The entrance hall is home to the staircase, which rises to the first floor, as well as a door to the cloakroom with WC and wash hand basin.
Also on the ground floor, you'll find a sitting room with double-glazed window and an open fireplace with iron gate. Next door, there is the dining room, which has double-glazed sliding doors to the conservatory.
Elsewhere, you'll find the kitchen, which has built-in cooking appliances including an electric oven/grill with four ring halogen hob, as well as a single drainer sink unit with mixer taps.
The master bedroom has fitted wardrobes and a radiator, as well as a door towards the en suite shower room with shower cubicle, close coupled WC and wash hand basin. All bedrooms feature double-glazed windows and radiators, while the master and second bedrooms both feature built-in wardrobes.
Interior features are completed by the bathroom, which contains panel enclosed bath with shower attachment and mixert tap, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.
The property's exterior features include a lawned garden, driveway and a garage with space for two vehicles at the front. To the rear, there is a landscaped garden with circular paved patio, shaped lawn and a variety of shrubs and trees.
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Blaydon Place: £250,000

THIS three bedroom semi detached home in Blaydon Place is now available to buy at a guide price of £250,000.

Ground floor accomodation at this property comprises of an entrance hall, which leads towards the study, cloakroom, modern kitchen/dining room and a sitting room with double doors leading to the rear garden.

Upstairs, the property has features including a master bedroom with en suite, in addition to two further double bedrooms and a family bathroom.

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

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- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
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- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges** / **Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables** / **documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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Litlte Downham £595,000

A sympathetically converted former Baptist Chapel with 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), dating back to 1788, offering substantial accommodation and many period features with neighbouring 1930's Sunday School converted to provide annexe accommodation with potential to be used commercially (subject to obtaining necessary planning consents). EPR TBC.

Soham £285,000

A deceptively spacious and versatile detached bungalow which has been enhanced by the current owner and has an attractive aspect overlooking open countryside to the rear. Includes entrance hall, lounge/bedroom 4, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, spacious kitchen/dining/living room, lean to conservatory and utility, extensive driveway and gardens. EPR D.

Ely £415,000

A spacious detached home, originally 4 bedrooms, remodelled and extended to provide 3 double bedrooms and excellent ground floor living accommodation on a corner plot overlooking Ely College playing fields and within walking distance of schools and the city centre with enclosed gardens, driveway & double garage. EPR D.

Queen Adelaide £285,000

A spacious semi detached modern property situated in the popular hamlet of Queen Adelaide. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, 18' lounge, 16' conservatory, 3 double bedrooms and updated family bathroom, together with driveway and single garage providing ample off road vehicular parking and rear garden backing onto open countryside.

Ely £235,000

Superbly presented modern terraced property overlooking green area to front. Accommodation comprising, entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, two double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, en-suite shower room. Together with a rear garden and allocated parking. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing. EPC rating: B.

Witchford £365,000

A well appointed detached family home situated on this modern residential development, well positioned on a corner plot with spacious accommodation comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, dining room, lounge, kitchen, breakfast room, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and family bathroom, together with driveway, double garage and a good size garden. EPR C.

Little Thetford £349,950

A spacious modern detached home with south facing rear garden and excellent family living accommodation comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, 20'5' x 10'5' kitchen/diner, separate breakfast room, family room, 4 bedrooms (3 doubles and master with ensuite), family bathroom, driveway and enclosed gardens. EPR TBC.

Haddenham £349,500

A superbly presented detached bungalow which has been extended and greatly improved by the current owners. Accommodation compromises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms (master bedroom with dressing room and ensuite), family bathroom, garage, parking and landscaped southerly facing rear garden. Viewing is recommended.

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NEW

Ely £289,950

A superbly presented townhouse that has been upgraded and improved throughout. Accommodation comprises open plan kitchen/dining room, lounge, first floor double bedroom and family bathroom, second floor master bedroom with ensuite, with converted garage providing an office space measuring 8'x7' and 8'x7' storage space, together with parking and front and rear gardens. Viewing is highly recommended.

NEW

Ely £279,950

A well presented popular Norbury design townhouse situated on a modern residential development with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/dining room, first floor double bedrooms, family bathroom, 2nd floor master bedroom with dressing area and ensuite together with front and rear gardens and single garage.

NEW

Ely £349,950

An extended link detached property situated within walking distance of St John's Primary School, offering versatile accommodation including entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, 4 bedrooms, family bathroom and play room/bedroom 5, together with front and south facing garden and driveway. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.

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FILM REVIEWS

With Damon Smith

Dev Patel as the older Saroo

Nicole Kidman as Sue Brierley, David Wenham as her husband John, and Sunny Pawar as a young Saroo

Lion could be a king at the Oscars

HOME is where the heart is, but when memories of that place of sanctuary are cruelly stolen at an early age, can you truly be at peace?

One man's extraordinary true-life odyssey – to locate the birth mother and older brother he lost at the age of five – provides the inspiration for Garth Davis' life-affirming drama, which looks set for recognition in multiple categories at next month's Academy Awards.

Screenwriter Luke Davies has skilfully adapted the non-fiction book A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley, elegantly cutting back and forth between traumatic events more than 20 years apart to accompany the lead character on his seemingly hopeless quest for emotional closure.

Dev Patel and Sunny Pawar are both terrific as the 26-year-old and five-year-old incarnations of

LION (PG)

★★★★★

Saroo, who is unexpectedly transplanted from Khandwa, where family and friends speak Hindi, to the giddy whirl of Calcutta, where residents speak Bengali, and then onto Australia.

Cinematographer Greig Fraser captures these three locations on two continents in rich and meticulous detail, providing a compelling backdrop to the heart-wrenching trials and tribulations that will reduce audiences to puddles of saltwater emotion.

Saroo (Sunny Pawar) lives in 1987 Khandwa with his mother Kamla (Priyanka Bose) and siblings.

The five-year-old idolises his 12-year-old brother Guddu (Abhishek Bharate) and the two boys embark on a night-time excursion to the local railway station.

A horrible twist of fate separates the children and Saroo is trapped aboard a train, which heads 1,600km east to the bustling shanty towns of Calcutta.

Unable to speak the language, the boy eventually meets Saroj Sood (Deepti Naval), who runs the Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption and places him with adoptive parents John and Sue Brierley (David Wenham, Nicole Kidman) in Hobart, Tasmania.

Many years later, Saroo (now played by Patel) is enrolled on a course at the Royal Melbourne College of Hotel Management and casually confesses details of his past to other Indian students.

They encourage him to use online satellite mapping software to trace the railway line from Calcutta back west.

Fellow student Lucy (Rooney Mara) pledges her support to Saroo, whose studies suffer as he stares at pixels on his laptop screen, looking in vain for a station with a water tower that might be Khandwa.

Lion is a majestic, heartfelt drama that delivers an almighty emotional wallop as Saroo gradually pieces together his past.

Director Davis deftly moves between timeframes as he elicits riveting performances from Patel, Pawar and Kidman as a proud mother who will never stand in the way of her beautiful boy tracing his bloodline.

If a few stony-hearted souls remain steadfastly dry-eyed to the end, real-life footage over the credits and an explanation of the film's enigmatic title set to the soaring vocals of Australian chart-topper Sia, will prize open the floodgates.

JACKIE (15)

★★★★★

TOWARDS the conclusion of Chilean director Pablo Larrain's unconventional biopic of Jacqueline Kennedy, the former first First Lady muses on the celebrity that consumed her.

"I never wanted fame," she responds coolly. "I just became a Kennedy."

That feeling of impotence in the eye of a media storm informs many pivotal scenes in Jackie, a bravura portrait of a wife and mother struggling to come to terms with sudden loss whilst publicly remaining strong for her children and the American people.

Natalie Portman as Jackie Kennedy

Screenwriter Noah Oppenheim sensitively imagines grief behind closed doors to piece together events before and after the fateful motorcade in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963. Scenes of Jackie (Natalie Portman) trembling with shock as she wipes make-up and her husband's blood from her face in the aftermath of the shooting are horribly compelling, as is the moment she must break the devastating news to her two children.

Larrain's film is a mesmerising kaleidoscope of real and imagined details, galvanized by Portman's haunting embodiment of a widow in emotional isolation.

"It's been just one week and already they're treating him like some dusty old artefact, to be shelved away," despairs Jackie, fearing the memory of her husband will be lost in time like so many of his predecessors.

The colourful and complex mosaic of Larrain's vision ensures that the woman, who stood proudly beside JFK, won't be forgotten.

ALSO SHOWING

MANCHESTER BY THE SEA (15)

★★★★★

LEE Chandler (Casey Affleck) works as a janitor in a small apartment building. It's an unedifying existence and Lee unfairly channels his resentment at the tenants. Out of the blue, Lee receives a telephone call from family friend George (CJ Wilson). His older brother Joe (Kyle Chandler) has suffered a heart attack. By the time Lee arrives at the hospital, Joe has passed and the younger sibling must break the tragic news to his truculent 16-year-old nephew, Patrick (Lucas Hedges).

Casey Affleck as Lee

A meeting with the family lawyer reveals that Joe named Lee as Patrick's legal guardian. But Lee is reluctant to be a parent again after the breakdown of his marriage. They both muddle through grief and misunderstanding as they make preparations for Joe's funeral.

Manchester By The Sea is anchored by Affleck's understated yet devastating portrayal, and the touching on-screen chemistry with co-star Hedges.

LA LA LAND (12A)

★★★★★

ASPIRING actress Mia (Emma Stone) works as a barista in between auditions, which repeatedly end in crushing rejection. On a traffic-jammed Los Angeles freeway, she crosses paths with talented pianist Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), who reveres jazz in its purest form, but is forced to play saccharine standards by restaurant owner Bill (JK Simmons).

Sebastian is convinced he can spearhead a new appreciation for music until an old classmate, Keith (John Legend), questions his devotion to masters of a bygone era. Frustrations between the couple come to a head in a fractious to and fro about artistic integrity.

La La Land is a perfect marriage of directorial brio, tour-de-force performance and jaw-dropping production design. Gosling and Stone are individually luminous and electrifying as a double-act in high energy song and dance sequences.

A MONSTER CALLS (12A)

★★★★★

RECLUSIVE schoolboy Conor O'Malley (Lewis MacDougall) is in denial about the dark shadow hanging over his mother Lizzie (Felicity Jones). He soaks up physical abuse at school from a bully and seeks refuge each night in his vivid illustrations.

Lewis MacDougall as Conor

As darkness falls and midnight strikes, the yew tree which stands guard over the nearby church magically comes to life and morphs into a gnarled creature (voiced by Liam Neeson).

The behemoth visits Conor and promises to share three parables. The creature demands just one thing from Conor in return: "Tell me your nightmare." Each night, the creature spins his yarn and the boy listens intently, searching for meaning in the words. But he only finds bitterness and confusion.

BOX OFFICE TOP TEN

1. La La Land
2. Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
3. Moana
4. Assassin's Creed
5. Passengers
6. Live By Night
7. Manchester By The Sea
8. Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them
9. The Bye Bye Man
10. Why Him?

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Emma Stone in La La Land

BOOKSHELF

Still a student when her debut dystopian Divergent trilogy went stellar, landing multiple movie deals and mega-bucks, Veronica Roth's success is the stuff of dreams. But, as she tells **HANNAH STEPHENSON**, it's still brought its own set of pressures

Young women need to know they're strong...

Author Veronica Roth

AT THE tender age of 28, Veronica Roth is among the world's richest authors, thanks to her Divergent trilogy – yet the best-selling writer isn't as self-assured as you might expect.

She admits her early success left her feeling more under pressure when it came to penning her latest book, Carve The Mark, the first in a Young Adult sci-fi fantasy duology.

"That's just natural," she says with a laugh. "Not feeling it would be slightly delusional! But I just tried to focus on what I was doing.

"You already have readers, and you think about how they're going to like what you're doing – and the more you think about that, the more paralysed you are, so you have to learn a mental practice when you're an author."

While her three Divergent books – Divergent, Insurgent and Allegiant – were all adapted for the big-screen, reportedly grossing more than $765m worldwide, she's not worried if Carve The Mark doesn't follow suit.

"If the right people came along with the right take on the story, then I'd be open to it, but I'm content to let it be just a book, if that's what's on the cards."

Did she like the Divergent films?

"For the most part, it was a positive experience. As an author, getting to have that happen is huge for your career, but they deviated more from the heart of the story as they went on. I loved the first one, but they got more sci-fi and techy, and that wasn't really so much in the spirit of the story."

Veronica was still at college – she took psychology in Minnesota, then transferred to study creative writing at Northwestern University in Illinois – when she clinched a publishing deal for Divergent.

The film rights had been sold before the book came out.

She still doesn't know how she coped with the fame and fortune thrown at her virtually overnight.

"A sense of humour helped! I have good friends and family and they stayed consistent.

"After the first movie premiere, my family came and we did this big fancy party. But then at the end of the night, it's just me and my brothers and sisters and my husband in a hotel room. That's the party I like best.

"At heart, I'm a homebody and I haven't changed."

Veronica with Theo James and Shailene Woodley who starred in the Divergent films

She agrees she felt overwhelmed initially by all the attention, and soon sought therapy.

"It's my personality not to want any attention at all. You have to remember that the kind of person who sits down to write a book is volunteering for an entire year of solitude. We are not generally the kind of people who want any focus at all. That was hard to adjust to, but I went to therapy.

"I've had an anxiety disorder my whole life, so I've been to therapy on and off throughout, before books and after books. I went back and tried to talk through some of the things I was feeling and experiencing, and it was helpful."

Veronica, who was born in New York and raised on the outskirts of Chicago, where she lives today, reckons her anxiety is biological.

While her parents, who are divorced, are not anxious people, she recalls that aunts, uncles, and at least one grandparent, have been.

"The thing about mental illness is that you have the biology for it, then something triggers it.

"I was always a worried and perfectionistic child," she recalls.

"My first foray into therapy was as a child. My parents were getting divorced and my mom thought therapy would help my transition.

"Then I went again as a teenager and then in college. I always knew it was an option and a healthy one."

Veronica is ranked among the world's richest authors – so is she enjoying the fruits of her labour?

"I don't know, I've created a pretty stable life with my husband but we're not doing anything crazy.

"I'm still only 28 – I'm not going to be a nut about it all."

Her husband, photographer Nelson Fitch, is about to open a restaurant in Chicago. He reads her material first, but doesn't criticise.

"He knows his job is to read it and tell me it's wonderful," Veronica says, laughing. "At times, you just need a cheerleader, and he's great at that."

Carve The Mark is set in space, on a violent planet where everyone develops a 'currentgift' – a unique power meant to shape the future.

Its central characters are Cyra, the sister of a brutal tyrant who rules the Shotet people, and Akos, a gentle chap from the peace-loving nation of Thuvhe.

When Akos and his brother are captured by Cyra's people, he becomes desperate to keep his brother alive – but will he and Cyra help each other to survive, or destroy one another?

The book sees a reversal in traditional gender roles (he's very gentle, she's tough and feisty).

Veronica seems to like creating empowered, tough female characters, like Cyra, and before that Tris in the Divergent series.

"I wish I were that tough," Veronica confesses. "One thing that Cyra and Tris have in common is their resilience in bad situations.

"They are able to bounce back and think in the midst of deep difficulty and pain, and that's a quality I think is really important for young women and for mental health – knowing you are strong enough to meet what comes at you.

"That's a quality I admire. I'm still searching for a way to get to it."

Veronica's work has at times been compared with The Hunger Games, which she finds flattering.

"I'm definitely not complaining about that. I love The Hunger Games. Comparisons are good because they drive readers towards similar work they might like."

Despite millions of fans and more money than she could have ever imagined, it seems Veronica still can't quite believe the success of the Divergent series.

"I thought maybe someone will read them," she reflects.

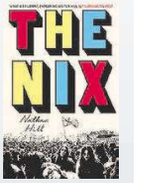
"It's all been a huge surprise to me."

■ Carve The Mark by Veronica Roth is published by HarperCollins, priced £14.99.

LATEST TITLES

THE NIX by Nathan Hill (Picador, hardback £16.99, ebook £9.49. Available January 26)

★★★★★



AT ITS heart, the hotly tipped debut from Nathan Hill is the story of an estranged mother and son.

Samuel hasn't seen his mother Faye since she walked out on the family home when he was 11.

Fast forward 20 years and Samuel is now an English professor at a small-town university.

He spends his days obsessing about his childhood sweetheart, playing online video games and, in short, doing anything he can to avoid writing a single word of the novel he earned a megabucks advance for 10 years previously.

But when his now left-wing radical mother is caught up in a scandal involving throwing rocks at a leading political figure, her lawyer begs Samuel to attest to her character. As luck would have it, this request coincides with his publisher threatening to sue if he doesn't produce the novel.

The temptation to investigate his mother's story and turn it into a book proves irresistible.

WHITE LIES AND WISHES by Cathy Bramley (Corgi, paperback £7.99, ebook £3.99. Available January 26)

★★★★★

THE author of The Plumberry School Of Comfort Food returns with a light, but inspirational tale.

Lead characters Jo, Sarah and Carrie are thrown together by fate when they meet at a funeral.

Wanting more from their lives, they set goals: Jo to save her business, Sarah to be partner at her firm and Carrie to get a bikini body. It's obvious that there is much more to these women.

Jo is a workaholic, brought up to believe love and business don't mix, and Sarah cut short her maternity leave to return to work, leaving baby Zac at home.

On the surface, Carrie wants to lose weight, but underneath she is a tangled mess of emotions. Then things get worse as Sarah's baby is hospitalised and Carrie catches her husband with another woman.

BOOKS CHART

1. The Ashes of London, Andrew Taylor
2. Sirens, Joseph Knox
3. The Noise of Time, Julian Barnes
4. When Breath Becomes Air, Paul Kalanithi
5. Lean in 15, Joe Wicks
6. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, J. K. Rowling
7. Lean in 15: The Sustain Plan, Joe Wicks
8. The GCHQ Puzzle Book
9. The Goldfish Boy (right), Lisa Thompson
10. The Muse, Jessie Burton

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GARY BAINBRIDGE

One man's struggle with the 21st century. Follow Gary on Twitter @Gary_Bainbridge or email him at gary.bainbridge@trinitymirror.com

Running is not good for my health

I HAVE mentioned before that my chosen form of exercise is running. Running is terrible, but I chose it because the other options were out of the question.

Swimming, for instance, is not for me. I am not massively keen on putting my face in the water because I have heard that water makes you drown and I cannot trust myself to breathe at the right time.

As a result, I swim at roughly a 45-degree angle, which means I do not glide through the water like a porpoise. Rather, I drag myself through the water, like a man crawling through the desert.

The gym, equally, is not for me. I tried it for a couple of weeks, when I was a much younger man, and found it like an adventure playground in which every piece of equipment is designed to hurt you.

So that leaves me with running. I do not run because I like it. I run because it is the only thing that might keep me from dying before I qualify for a pension.

But the thing about running is that it is very boring. It is just putting one foot in front of the other over and over again until you stop – like life, only marginally faster.

Obviously, this has an effect on you. On your run you notice very mundane things, and your brain tricks you into thinking they are interesting just so that you do not die of boredom. "Oh, look," you think, "the branch on that tree is a bit like that other branch I passed eight minutes ago," or "Ooh, that jogger's got a white earphone cable like mine, I wonder what sort of phone she has."

It means your standards for what is interesting are lowered dramatically. This is why runners always tell you about how they are runners and how far they have run and post it on social media. They don't know how boring that stuff is. Runners are basically the vegans of the exercise world.

So I am going to tell you about my run the other day because I am not sure if this is interesting or not. I am going to count on your good manners either way.

I went for my run through the nearby park while it rained. I judged that it would keep my interest levels high. I might have seen a remarkable branch or some well turned-out railings.

But the problem with running through parks is that it increases your chances of encountering the natural predator of the runner: the small yappy dog.

It is not so much the fear of being bitten on the ankle – although that is a factor - it is more the fear of treading on the dog.

And small yappy dogs hunt in packs and are, it appears, invariably tethered to their owners by those retractable leads, which means that, as they run in front of you, they lay tripwires.

So, when on my run I approached a fork in the path, and on the right-hand path there was a cluster of small yappy dogs. I naturally took the left, next to a bubbling stream.

And there I met a Rottweiler, off its lead, its owner texting away and not massively attentive. I am naturally wary of Rottweilers, and before you write in and say, "Oh, I've got a Rottweiler, and he's never attacked anybody", remember that is like saying, "I have never been beaten in mortal combat".

The fact is, if I am attacked by a small yappy dog, it is an inconvenience and a tetanus jab. If I am attacked by a Rottweiler, I am toast, and I don't care how friendly your Tyson is.

I continued running, remembering that showing fear was probably a bad idea, but the Rottweiler decided I was scared anyway, and made a beeline for my crotch.

I dodged, and ran off the path onto the bank by the stream. But the rain had made the bank muddy, and I skidded. Somehow, I managed to fling my right leg onto the path again, staying upright while turning my ankle and running while the Rottweiler switched its attention to my rear end.

But the residual mud on my trainer made me slip again and I fell hard against a tree.

The dog, tired of my antics, ran off to its still-texting and oblivious owner. I, on the other hand, limped home bruised. Running is terrible.

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Vauxhall unveils its new Crossland SUV

VAUXHALL has taken the wraps off its latest model, the Crossland X, which will compete in the fast-growing SUV sector and sit below its existing slightly larger Mokka X.

The Crossland X will be up against rivals such as the Renault Captur and Peugeot 2008 and Vauxhall says the newcomer, which goes on sale in summer, has a firm family focus offering "Tardis-like" cabin space providing a high degree of practicality and flexibility.

At just 4.21 metres in length the Crossland X is more compact than the Mokka X, and a full 16cm shorter than the Astra hatchback, which will offer easier driving and manoeuvring in towns and cities.

It also has the advantage of an elevated seating position and an overall height, which is raised ten centimetres above the Astra's.

Another useful feature of the new SUV is the ability to slide the rear seats back or forwards to allow more space for legroom or boot space which can offer a class-leading 410 litres with the rear seats up. When the rear seats are folded down completely, luggage capacity increases to an impressive 1,255 litres,

The Crossland X will come with a goodly set of gear to make driving safer and more comfortable, and include a 180-degree panoramic rear-view camera, advanced park assist, forward collision alert with pedestrian detection and autonomous emergency braking, lane departure warning, speed sign recognition and side blind-spot alert.

VAUXHALL CROSSLAND: Boasts a 'Tardis-like' interior

Drivers will also benefit from modern connectivity that is becoming the norm in Vauxhall models. The Vauxhall OnStar connectivity system, as well as the IntelliLink infotainment equipment which is compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, keeps drivers connected through an up to eight-inch colour touchscreen.

As far as engines go, Vauxhall has not given details of what will be under the bonnet of the Crossland X but says that an extensive petrol/diesel engine line up with manual and automatic transmissions will be offered.

The entry level Crossland X is likely to come in at around the £15,000 mark.

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New tax rules on April 1 will affect VED rates – and prices

NEW tax rules are due to be introduced on April 1 which research from the HonestJohn website has revealed means the majority of new car buyers will pay much more in Vehicle Excise Duty.

And, at the same time, some high CO2 emission motors will actually pay less than before.

HonestJohn's figures show that new tax rules will add more than £500 to the long-term running costs of Britain's most-popular and eco-friendly vehicles, while providing significant benefits for some of the most-polluting cars.

This means the UK's best-selling car - the Ford Fiesta 1.0 EcoBoost 100bhp - will cost £540 more to tax over four years, while buyers of the new V8 Mustang stand to save £245 over the same period of time. This is despite the fact that the American muscle car emits three times more CO2 than the efficient Fiesta.

Until now, the government has offered zero VED to entice car buyers into eco-friendly vehicles however, with 74 per cent of new cars emitting less than 130g/km of CO2, the government has made a U-turn on its policy and introduced rules to force buyers of new, efficient cars to pay more.

Under the current tax rules, vehicles that emit sub-99g/km qualify for zero VED for the first year and pay nothing for every year after, but from April the government will replace the current 13-band tax system with three new bands - zero, standard, premium – plus a surcharge for electric cars with a list price above £40,000.

This means all new cars bought after April 1 with sub-99g/km CO2 emissions will pay for road tax, a move that will add up to £540 to the long-term running costs of some of Britain's cleanest and most efficient cars.

Even hybrids won't escape, with buyers of the Toyota Prius paying an extra £405 over four years, while Tesla Model S buyers will have to pay an additional £930.

However, while buyers of new cars over £40,000 will be forced to pay an extra £310 a year for five years, HonestJohn.co.uk has found a gap in the tax law that allows some of the UK's most-polluting cars under the £40,000 price limit to benefit.

Buyers of the Mitsubishi Shogun 3.2 DI-DC automatic, for example, will save £265 over four years, regardless of the fact that the SUV produces a whopping 245g/km of CO2.

It's a similar story for the Subaru WRX and Nissan 370Z, with both emitting over 240g/km and saving hundreds under the new system.

HonestJohn's managing editor, Daniel Powell, said: "The system is changing, and low emissions cars won't be as tax efficient as they were before."

What are hydrogen cars and how do they work?

Hydrogen cars could solve many transportation problems. Jack Evans explains

SOME alternatively-fuelled power options are well-known now. Electric cars, for instance, are gaining popularity and are becoming a common sight on UK roads, especially within cities.

Hydrogen-powered cars, however, are a slightly rarer sight. The technology they use is in its relative infancy, which means not a lot is known about how they work and the benefits they bring. We're going to find out.

First of all, just how do hydrogen cars work? Well, in fuel cell cars, power is generated by reacting hydrogen with oxygen. The energy that comes from this reaction is then stored in the car's batteries. The electricity stored here then runs the electric motors which then power the wheels. It's better to think of a hydrogen car as an electric vehicle that is able to charge itself up. At higher speeds, the car can use its supply of hydrogen to directly power the motor, instead of recharging the car's onboard batteries.

The benefit of this? Hydrogen isn't used as an existing energy source, like fossil fuels. Because hydrogen is in such abundance in our atmosphere, there's a plentiful supply, too.

HYDROGEN: A rare sight today, but with everything to play for going forward

The best part? The only thing it emits is water. It also takes a matter of minutes to refill a hydrogen car, compared to several hours to charge one powered by electricity alone.

However, there are a few drawbacks. Hydrogen, though plentiful in our atmosphere, is incredibly difficult to produce. Although there's lots of it about, it's most frequently found in compounds such as water – which makes it difficult to separate. Because of the huge amount of energy needed to isolate the hydrogen, fossil fuels are required – which goes against the efficiency of the car.

Environmentally-friendly ways of producing hydrogen do exist, but they're expensive and can't create it in great enough quantities to be useful. So the only easy way of producing hydrogen is with fossil fuels.

There are other drawbacks, too. Currently, there are only two hydrogen cars on sale in the UK today – the Hyundai ix35 and the Toyota Mirai. Choice of cars, therefore, is somewhat limited. Also, because hydrogen needs to be contained securely and at high pressure, these cars need to carry large tanks, which take up quite a lot of space inside the car.

You'll also have to ensure you're within range of a hydrogen filling station. Currently, there are just eight filling stations in the UK – with three located in the London area alone. Though more are planned, for now it means you'll have to be conscious of how far you need to travel to fill up.

Lastly, and quite importantly, the cars are quite expensive. The Mirai costs from £53,105, while the Mirai commands more of a premium at £63,100. Filling them up will cost around £65, and you'll get similar fuel economy figures to a regular diesel car.

For now, hydrogen cars are slightly hampered by a lack of infrastructure and the cost of creating their fuel in the first place. However, with more research and a lowering of price, hydrogen cars may yet turn out to be the smart choice for those looking to get around in the most economical fashion possible.

NEW NAVARA: Satnav, sensors

Nissan unveils new Navara pick-up option

NISSAN has revealed a new special edition of its Navara pick-up truck at the Brussels Motor Show.

Dubbed Trek-1Â° – a reference to the longitude of the Navarre desert in Spain – the newcomer differentiates itself from the top-spec Tekna with a range of extra equipment.

Customers will be able to choose from two colours – Pearlescent White and Black Metallic – as well as two power outputs. The basic engine is a 158bhp version of the Navara's 2.3-litre diesel motor, but there is an option to upgrade to a more potent 187bhp variant, which is also offered with a seven-speed automatic transmission.

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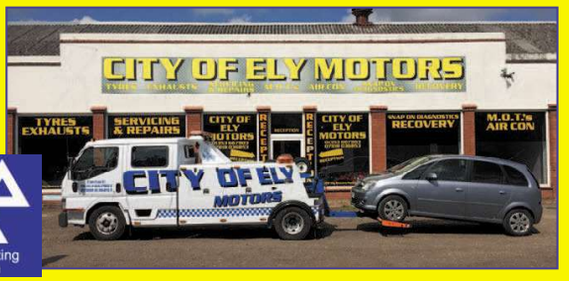

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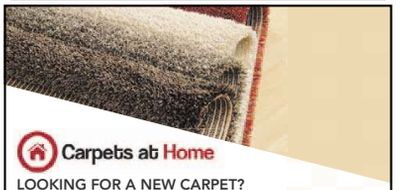

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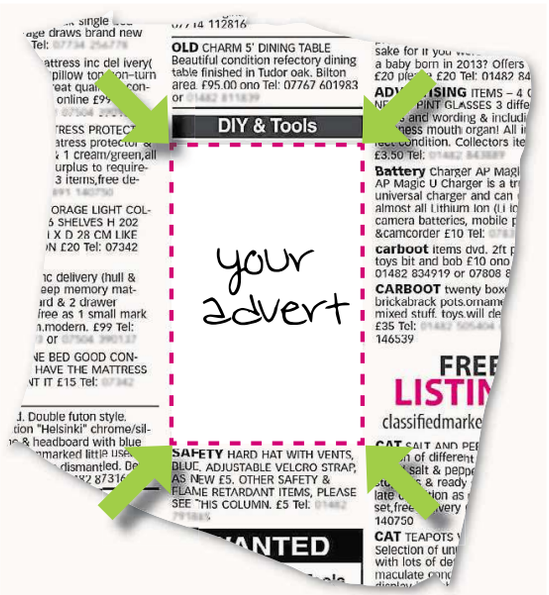

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Second Drove, Little Downham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/010

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Second Drove, Little Downham as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 25 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 24 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight 22:15hrs 25 February to 11:15hrs 26 February; 22:15hrs 4 March to 11:15hrs 5 March; 22:15hrs 18 March to 11:15hrs 19 March; 22:15hrs 25 March to 11:15hrs 26 March; and 22:00hrs 28 March to 06:00hrs 29 March 2017.

Lynn Road, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/044

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lynn Road, Ely as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Lynn Road – Ely Road, Littleport – Grange Lane – A10 – B1411 – Cam Drive, Ely – Lynn Road and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 20 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 19 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 23:00hrs 28 February and 06:00hrs 1 March 2017.

Station Road (B1102) Fordham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/046

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Station Road (B1102) Fordham as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1102 – A142 – Windmill Hill, Exning – B1103 – B1102 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 19 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 18 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 20:40hrs 19 February and 04:40hrs 20 February 2017.

Prickwillow Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide (Norwich Line)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/049

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Prickwillow Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide (Norwich Line) as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1382 – A1101 – A10 – B1382 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 18 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 17 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 23:50hrs 18 February and 09:00hrs 19 February 2017.

Short Road, Stretham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/050

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Short Road, Stretham as lies between Field Side and the A10.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Short Road – A1123 – A10 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate manhole installation and repair works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 16 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 15 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 08:00hrs and 23:59hrs 16 February 2017.

Laburnum Lane, Burwell
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/051

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Laburnum Lane, Burwell as lies between Low Road and Newnham Lane.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Low Road – Hythe Lane – Newnham Lane and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate gas connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 27 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 26 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 27 February and 2 March 2017.

Chapel Street, Stretham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/056

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Chapel Street, Stretham as lies between Middle Close and Chapel Lane.

The alternative route for vehicles is via High Street – Newmarket Road (A1123) – Chapel Street and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate communication pipe repair works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 2 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 1 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 2 February and 6 February 2017.

Lynn Road, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/060

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lynn Road, Ely as lies between Little London Gardens and Riflemans Close.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Lynn Road – Cam Drive – B1411 – Lynn Road and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate carriageway resurfacing and crossing maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 20 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 19 February 2018 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 20 February and 24 February 2017.

Padnal Bank, Queen Adelaide
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/061

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Padnal Bank, Queen Adelaide as lies at Clayway Farm.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Padnal Bank – Branch Bank, Littleport – New River Bank – A1101 – B1382 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate carriageway re-profiling, resurfacing and associated works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 27 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 26 February 2018 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 27 February and 17 March 2017.

New Barns Road, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/069

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along New Barns Road, Ely as lies between Deacons Lane and Prickwillow Road (B1382).

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1382 – Beech Lane – New Barns Road and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate carriageway surfacing and associated works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 27 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 26 February 2018 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 27 February and 10 March 2017.

Newmarket Road (A1123) Stretham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/070

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Newmarket Road (A1123) Stretham as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via A1123 – A142 – A10 – A1123 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 4 March 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 3 September 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 21:30hrs 4 March and 09:30hrs 5 March 2017.

Lynn Road (A10), Littleport
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/074

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lynn Road (A10), Littleport as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via A10 – A1122 – A1101 – A47 – A141 – A142 – A10 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 5 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 4 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 00:45hrs and 13:15hrs 5 February 2017.

Footpath 19, Wicken
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE)
ORDER 2017/076

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Footpath 19, Wicken as lies at the footbridge.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be as signed.

The Order is made to facilitate footbridge repair works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 7 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 6 February 2018 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 7 February and 14 February 2017.

Station Road, Littleport
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/088

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Station Road, Littleport as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Lynn Road – A10 – Wisbech Road – Wellington Street – Station Road and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 23 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 22 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 00:01hrs and 04:30hrs 23 February 2017.

Barway Road, Soham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/111

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Barway Road, Soham as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 6 February 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 5 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 23:15hrs 6 February and 05:45hrs 7 February 2017.

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Cruise highlights

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- Discover Antwerp – 'Diamond Capital of the World'
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BIG OCCASION: Joe Perry (left) and Ronnie O'Sullivan pose with the trophy before their Dafabet Masters final at Alexandra Palace

Perry can't defuse the Rocket in Masters final

Snooker

JOE Perry was unable to stop Ronnie O'Sullivan from winning a record seventh Masters title.

Chatteris player Perry was playing in his first Triple Crown final having been a snooker professional for 26 years.

He got off to a great start at Alexandra Palace and went 4-1 up in the afternoon session, but O'Sullivan pulled it back to 4-4 at the interval.

The Rocket then went on to triumph 10-7 in the evening session.

Perry said: "I've proved a lot. I've proved that there's still life in me and it has given me belief to go on and win a big one.

"It has given me no end of taste for it (playing in a major final).

"The crowd this week have been absolutely amazing. It's what you take the game up for, nights like this."

O'Sullivan was full of praise for his opponent.

He said: "I got lucky. He's going to come again and he's going to win tournaments the way he's playing.

"He's a tough, tough competitor. "I'm just relieved to have got over the line."

Robins succumb to Fakenham pressure

Cycling

ELY City went down 1-0 at home to Fakenham in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division on Saturday, with the winning goal coming 20 minutes from time.

City had the best of the play in the first half, creating some good chances, with good work from Dan Jeffrey and Kelvin Enaro coming to nothing.

Matthew Simpson also fired wide, and at the start of the second half the same player volleyed straight at the Fakenham keeper.

Adie Cambridge also drew a save just after the hour as Ely continued to put the pressure on, but from then on Fakenham took control.

Ely keeper Harry Reynolds was forced into making two good saves to keep the scores level in the 67th minute but there was nothing he could do moments later when a header from a corner flew right past him.

Both teams came close to scoring in the dying minutes but there was to be no way back for Ely.

Soham Town Rangers suffered a disappointing 6-0 defeat at the hands of Haringey Borough in the Ryman League, North Division on Saturday and manager Mason did not pull any punches in his assessment of the performance.

"It was massively disappointing," he said.

"It wasn't just the fact we conceded six goals, it was the way we played.

"The last four weeks had been quite promising in terms of our performances, but now it seems as though we're back to where we started.

"If it hadn't been for (keeper) Niall (Conroy) it would have been double figures."

Cycling

Peacock takes top-10 place

PHIL Peacock finished in the top 10 for Ely & District/B&T Motor Repairs Cycling Club in the Eastern Cyclo Cross League.

Held over 17 events, with the top-10 results counting towards final league positions, Peacock was sixth in the veterans' 50-plus section with a score of 843 points following the final round of the competition.

In the veterans' 40-plus category, club chairman Martin Holland finished in 40th with 451 points, while David Richard claimed 111 points and Dan Bromilow 104.

Tom Lewis was third overall for Ely juniors in the fourth round of the Muddy Monsters series, hosted by Cycle Club Ashwell.

The opening one-lap sprint race saw Lewis lead at halfway only to be overtaken in the closing stages to finish third, with clubmate Ollie Sinden just behind in fourth.

Lewis overtook Sinden on the final circuit of the three-lap endurance race to claim third once more and both riders went on to perform well in the handicap race, with Lewis making it on to the podium overall.

Table tennis

Folgoc shines for Fulbourn

FULBOURN recorded an 8-2 victory over NCI in a top-of-the-table clash in Division One of the Ely and District League.

Fulbourn's Loic Le Folgoc won his three games with ease before Rhys Davies was taken to five sets but was victorious against NCI's Peter Moffatt and Kelvin Mitchell.

Both Moffatt and Mitchell then went on to beat Fulbourn's Terry Lane to pick up two points for NCI.

Colin Taylor beat Lane before Fulbourn won the doubles match 3-2.

In Division Two, Soham Comrade's III were too strong from Countess.

Chris Atkinson's plucky performance did not result in any points, with the only home victory for Countess coming from Ben Mitchell's win over Chris Rule.

Steve Jugg then secured an enthralling 3-2 win against former mentor Mitchell.

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